



DEVELOPING A SUSTAINABLE ENTERPRISE-WIDE GEOSPATIAL FRAMEWORK FOR ALASKA

Geospatial Strategic and Business Plans are being developed for Alaska through a Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC) 50 States Initiative award. As a key step in implementing the National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI), these plans will facilitate the collaboration, coordination of programs, policies, technologies, and resources that support the collection and sharing of geospatial data across all business lines both public and private in the state.

The grant will support the development of a Strategic Plan based on input from the community of GIS and spatial data users in Alaska. This Plan will identify the basic needs and requirements of all stakeholders in Alaska. To ensure that those needs and requirements are fully understood we have structured an open and interactive process.

A goal of the Plan is to identify an appropriate mechanism for implementation of an enterprise-wide geospatial framework with sufficient representation from stakeholder groups. It will also identify the need and specific responsibilities associated with a state Chief Information Officer and Geospatial Information Officer.

A Business Plan will be developed to support the implementation of the Strategic Plan. A Business Plan will identify best practices for development and governance of GIS policy. Additionally, the Plan will quantify efficiencies that result from an enterprise approach to geospatial data and recommend an implementation plan to achieve long-term efficiency and stability.

YOUR IDEAS MATTER

Your involvement is vital to the success of this effort. By sharing your experiences and ideas regarding future development of geographic data and technology, you can help ensure the effectiveness of Alaska's geospatial initiatives. Opportunities for you to be involved include:

1. **Complete an on-line survey** to give us your opinions (www.surveymonkey.com/s/AKGeospatialPlans). The survey will be available after February 28.
2. **Attend one of five regional stakeholder meetings** to provide your input. Workshops will be held in Kenai, Kodiak, Anchorage, Juneau, and Fairbanks during the first two weeks of April. After completed the survey, you will be notified of the dates and locations of these workshops.
3. **Comment on the draft Strategic and Business Plans** that will be made available for review by the entire Alaska geospatial community.

HOW DO I GET INVOLVED AND STAY INFORMED?

If you would like to be informed of all opportunities to become involved in this project, please send an e-mail with your contact information to sengel@dewberry.com to be placed on the project e-mail list.

WHAT IS THE FIFTY STATES INITIATIVE?

The Fifty States Initiative is partnership between the National States Geographic Information Council (NSGIC) and the Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC) designed to bring all public and private stakeholders together in statewide GIS coordination bodies that help to form effective partnerships and lasting relationships.

The initiative is managed by the FGDC which issues Cooperative Agreement Program (CAP) "grants" each year that enable the states to improve their coordination mechanisms and support development of business plans.

There is a critical need to coordinate GIS activities on a statewide basis to eliminate waste and improve efficiency in government. Agencies at all levels of government need to coordinate with other stakeholders to keep from duplicating the development of geographic data and systems at taxpayers' expense. Those stakeholders include non-profit organizations, academia, business and utilities.

Source: http://www.nsgic.org/hottopics/fifty_states.cfm

STAKEHOLDER MEETING LOCATIONS



PROVISIONAL PROJECT SCHEDULE (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Online Stakeholder Survey	2/28 – 3/23/2011
Regional Stakeholder Meetings	3/28 – 4/8/2011
Key Official Interviews	3/28 – 4/8/2011
Host Strategic Plan for Public Review	6/14 – 6/27/2011
Host Business Plan for Public Review	7/19 – 8/1/2011
Deliver Final Plans	8/22/2011